

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace drawings sheet 4 of the originally filed drawings with the enclosed substitute drawing. The substitute drawings has been labeled "Replacement Sheet", and does not include extraneous material that was filed on the original drawing sheet.

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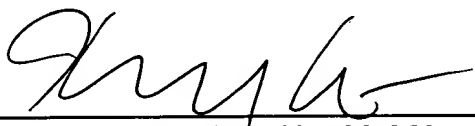
In response to the Office Action dated 16 December 2004, Applicant has cancelled Claim 1, and added new claims 2 – 5. Claims 2 – 5 are currently pending in the application.

The added claims are directed to a method wherein the second user of a shared buffer requests a data stream after the initial portions have expired from the buffer, or been overwritten. The claimed method provides that those portions of the stream needed to catch up to the buffer are provided to the second user in a burst, after which the second user obtains data from the shared buffer. As described in the specification (see, for example, page 24) this provides a "bursty" utilization of the communications media, after which bandwidth is preserved because the second user is now sharing with the first user.

Applicant believes that these claims define patentable subject matter over the references of record, and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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